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AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are funded through a variety of sources including fees for service, local tax support and in some cases legislative appropriations. However, most rural ambulance and EMS services must supplement funding through alternative sources including grant and aid programs. Table 1, below, depicts grant and aid programs for ambulance and EMS services, eligible activities, and eligibility requirements. It should be noted that the information below was collected from a U.S. Fire Administration *Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services* report published in 2012. Therefore, some of the grant and loan programs listed below may no longer be available.

Table 1. Grant and Aid Programs for Funding Ambulance and EMS Services.

State	Program	Eligible Activities	Eligibility Requirements
Alaska	Alaska Code Blue Project	Items are reviewed at the regional and State levels prior to inclusion in the Code Blue Database. General categories of equipment within the database include: -patient care; -training; -emergency vehicles; -radio/communications equipment; -ambulances; -emergency equipment; and -communications infrastructure.	Rural EMS providers in Alaska

Source: LSO staff summary of the U.S. Fire Administration *Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services* 2012 report.

Table 1. Grant and Aid Programs for Funding Ambulance and EMS Services, Cont'd.

State	Program	Eligible Activities	Eligibility Requirements
Alaska, Cont'd	Alaska Highway Safety Office (AHSO) Grant	-public education campaigns; -equipment and materials; -traffic record systems; and -training and travel directly related to the project.	Includes EMS
California	California Traffic Safety Grant	EMS expenses including ambulance and equipment purchases up to 25% of the total cost. Grants can be used to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies, expand ongoing activities, or develop new programs.	Government Agencies
Colorado	Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Provider Grant Program	Funding is available for the purchase of ambulances and equipment, communications, data collection, injury-prevention programs, and personnel services and recruitment efforts.	Applicants must have their purpose of provision of emergency medical and trauma services in Colorado to be eligible.
	Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Program	Equipment, construction, physical plant improvements, vehicles and vehicle upgrades, information technology, and staff training or education.	Only applicants from rural Colorado are eligible to apply. Rural applicants have the option to contract for urban-based services or resources to meet the objectives of their grant proposal.
	Colorado Resource for Emergency and Trauma Education (CREATE)	Education	Applicants must have as their purpose the provision of emergency medical and trauma services in Colorado to be eligible.
	EMS and Trauma Emergency Grants	Applicants must have as their purpose the provision of emergency medical and trauma services in the State of Colorado to be eligible.	In addition to meeting the standard eligibility requirement, the emergency fund applicant must be able to demonstrate that the request for funds is a true emergency and, if funds are not received, will degrade the quality of, or eliminate access to, local EMS and trauma care.
Florida	Florida EMS County Grant Program	EMS vehicles and equipment purchase.	EMS county grants are awarded to Boards of County Commissioners.
Hawaii	Hawaii Highway Safety Grant Program	EMS-to ensure appropriate treatment through a coordinated system of emergency medical care for persons injured in highway crashes.	The grant funds are for traffic safety purposes only.

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State	Program	Eligible Activities	Eligibility
Idaho	Idaho Highway Safety Grant Program	Crash response (EMS)- The goal of this program area is to enhance appropriate, timely, and safe response to crashes to reduce the time that it takes first responders to remove injured crash victims from the crash site and transport them to advanced medical treatment. Funding priorities for this area are for the purchase of extrication equipment and/or educational opportunities.	State and local government units and nonprofit organizations.
Illinois	Emergency Medical Services Assistance Fund	EMS equipment and training.	EMS providers
Maine	Maine Highway Safety Grants	EMS-Within this category, funds are dedicated to support training, public information and education, equipment acquisition, staff support, and program administration. Funded projects can provide direct services and/or system improvements.	Fire departments and EMS agencies.
Montana	Montana Emergency Medical Services Grant Program	Ambulance and emergency-response vehicle purchases, training, communications equipment, patient-care equipment.	A licensed EMS provider may apply if 1)it has been in operation for at least 12 months, 2) it bills for services at a level that is at least equivalent to the Medicare billing level, and 3) a majority of its active EMTs are volunteers.
North Carolina	North Carolina Highway Safety Grant	EMS-To develop and enhance methods of responding to motor-vehicle crashes and transporting and treating injured persons.	Fire departments and EMS agencies.
North Dakota	North Dakota Highway Safety Grant	EMS-Funds in this permissible State practice (PSP) area are passed to the North Dakota Department of Health for 1) training, testing, certification, and continuing education for EMS personnel, and 2) emergency-vehicle operations.	Fire departments and EMS agencies.
Ohio	Ohio EMS Grants Program	Training, purchase of equipment and vehicles, trauma-care research.	Public, private and nonprofit EMS agencies and EMS agencies established by a joint fire district.
Oregon	Oregon Highway Safety Program	EMS-for training, equipment, and outreach.	Applicants must be community hospitals or their EMS providers.

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Table 1. Grant and Aid Programs for Funding Ambulance and EMS Services, Cont'd.

State	Program	Eligible Activities	Eligibility
Pennsylvania	Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program (VFCVASGP)	Construction and/or renovation of facilities; purchase or repair of equipment; debt reduction associated with facilities or equipment purchases; and training and certification of members.	Volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services, and volunteer rescue squads.
	Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF)	To provide funding to maintain, improve, and develop the quality of the EMS system within the Commonwealth.	Any provider of EMS applying for EMSOF funding must be in full compliance with all regulations, policies, and priorities of the State and regional EMS systems.
	Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP)	The VLAP provides low-interest loans to volunteer fire companies, ambulance services, and rescue squads for the purpose of purchasing and modernizing apparatus, facilities, and equipment.	All Pennsylvania volunteer fire companies, ambulance services and rescue squads.
Tennessee	Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office Grants	Eligible project areas are included in the State of Tennessee's Highway Safety Performance Plan. The plan includes EMS.	Fire departments and EMS agencies.
Texas	EMS Local Projects Grant (LPG)	EMS personnel certification training, specialty training related to prehospital healthcare management, communication equipment, patient-care equipment and non-disposable supplies, injury-prevention projects, continuing education programs, and the purchase of an ambulance.	Licensed EMS providers, registered first-responder organizations, Regional EMS/Trauma Advisory Councils (RACs), EMS education organizations, and prehospital injury-prevention organizations.
	Governor's Extraordinary Emergency Fund	Funding for emergent, unanticipated needs of EMS providers. Emergency funds are not intended to expand service.	Licensed EMS providers, registered first-responder organizations, and licensed hospitals.
Virginia	Rescue Squad Assistance Fund	Items eligible for funding include EMS equipment and vehicles, computers, EMS management programs, courses/classes and projects benefiting the recruitment, and retention of EMS members.	Virginia nonprofit agency/organizations involved in EMS.

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Virginia, Cont'd	EMS Training Funds Program	Virginia Office of EMS-approved EMS courses.	Nonprofit entities and Virginia-certified EMS providers.
Wyoming	Mineral Royalty Grants	Varied, includes water projects, acquisition of emergency vehicles, public administration buildings, and health-care facilities, among others.	Counties, municipalities, Joint Powers Boards, and certain special districts.
	Wyoming Traffic Safety Grant	EMS. Under the statutory provisions administered by the Federal Highway Administration, the safety areas.	Fire departments and EMS agencies.

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